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This is a good Idea in general, for years Illegal Marine Radios have been used well inland, by un-licensed operators in a "Bootleg" or "Pirate Radio" operation for personal communications, and business radio communication.

In most case the operations go's un-detected, or not noticed because who would think of looking for a searching a ship frequency in the middle of New Mexico.

There is a small problem with this is the "Rare" times that the normal operations range would be extended to several hundred miles due to various type of "Skip Conditiions"! In most case this would be "Short lived" and rare to have communications take place!

If the problem with Illegal Mobile Marine Radios showing up in the middle of North Dakota could be a problem, and The same could be true for Commerical land mobiles showing up in areas near the coast to cause interference to Marine Radio Telephone Services.

Simplex (non-repeater) mobile to mobile communications should not take place on the output, restricting the Land Mobile to its own home inland area of operation. The need for Protection for the both the Commerical Land Mobile, and the Marine Radio Telephone must be planned by the commission.

With the number of low cost handheld marine radio's on the market today, and no real licensing, or actual real enforcment of sorts to stop the private citizen from using his marine radio well inland I see no real objection to this its a good idea for frequency management.

Some Police Departments who share Marine frequencys near 156 Mhz have received some minor interference over the years from Illegal inland Marine Radios.

A small time trucking company uses Marine Radio Frequency's here to dodge the "Public Utility Commission" [Truck Inspector for Ohio] I've noticed over the years on/off! They mostly haul stone, gravel, and hot asphalt. Even a few Commerical Radio Vendors have used marine radio for mobile linking one is about 10 miles away, and not shown on the FCC data Base. However his operation has been reported by the "State Highway Department" who operates some marine frequencys for "Bridge Communication" to open / lower highway decks! It's going on all over, perhaps puting some licensed users could stop the Illegal users.

Thanks

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